

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) An air bag comprising:

a rear section and a front section;

a gas inlet disposed in the rear section, and

a connecting piece located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to the rear section;

wherein an outer shell of the air bag is formed by a rear panel having the gas inlet, and a plurality of front panels connected to form the front section,

wherein an extending piece extends from one of the front panels into the air bag, the extending piece and the rear section being connected by a mid panel,

wherein the connecting piece is formed by the extending piece and the mid panel,

wherein the front panels include a front upper panel and a front lower panel and one of the front upper panel and the front lower panel include a body portion and the extending piece formed integrally with the body portion,

wherein an edge of the other of the front upper panel and the front lower panel is connected to a boundary portion between the body portion and the extending piece, and

wherein the rear panel is directly connected to both the front upper panel and the front lower panel.

3. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein the extending piece has an opening through which gas circulates.

4. (Original) The air bag of claim 2, wherein a connecting portion between the boundary portion and the edge of the other panel is placed inside the air bag.

5. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 2,
wherein a top portion of the front upper panel, side portions on both sides thereof, and
side portions on both sides of the front lower panel are positioned on sides of the air bag,
wherein the top portion of the front upper panel is connected to the rear panel on an
upper surface of the air bag,
wherein the side portions of the front upper panel and the side portions of the front
lower panel are connected to the rear panel on sides of the air bag, and
wherein a lower edge of the front lower panel is connected to the rear panel at a
bottom of the air bag.

6. (Original) The air bag of claim 5, wherein a connecting portion between the front
upper panel and the rear panel, and a connecting portion between the front lower panel and
the rear panel are placed inside the air bag.

7. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 2,
wherein the panels are connected together by sewing, and
wherein the air bag is reversed through an unsewn portion of the rear panel.

8. (Currently Amended) A passenger-side air bag comprising:
a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,
wherein both front panels are positioned to face a passenger when the air bag deploys,
wherein one of the pair of front panels includes an integrally formed rearward
extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section,
wherein the rearward extending section includes an opening formed therein,
wherein a rear panel, which comprises a gas inlet, is directly connected to both of the
~~front panels, and panels,~~
wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior
surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys,
wherein the rear section includes the rear panel and a mid panel, and
wherein the mid panel is connected to the rearward extending section and the rear
panel.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The air bag of ~~claim 9~~ claim 8, wherein the mid panel includes a gas inlet opening for receiving pressurized gas from a gas generator.

11. (Previously Presented) A passenger-side air bag comprising:
a front section including a pair of front panels forming an exterior surface,
wherein both front panels are positioned to face a passenger when the air bag deploys;
wherein one of the pair of front panels includes a rearward extending section located inside the air bag and connecting the front section to a rear section;
wherein the rear section includes a rear panel and a mid panel, the mid panel being connected to the rearward extending section and the rear panel;
wherein a seam joining the pair of front panels is located away from the exterior surface so that the seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys;
wherein the rearward extending section and the mid panel divide the air bag into upper and lower chambers;
wherein the rear panel, which comprises a gas inlet, is directly connected to both of the front panels; and
wherein the rearward extending section includes at least one opening formed therein for allowing gas to pass between the chambers.

12. (Previously Presented) The air bag of claim 8, wherein the front and rear sections of the air bag are connected together at a connecting seam that is positioned away from an exterior of the air bag so that the connecting seam cannot contact the passenger when the air bag deploys.

13. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 8 and an inflator positioned in a container.

14. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 11 and an inflator positioned in a container

15. (Previously Presented) An airbag device comprising an airbag according to claim 2 and an inflator.